



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held June 8, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“This Board’s decision to adhere to the American Civil Liberties Union’s demand to alter the County’s official seal was based on an incomplete legal analysis. Altering the County’s official seal in any respect, is an especially significant decision.

“It is vital that this Board render its decision only after receiving a comprehensive legal analysis consisting of pertinent legal precedents and opinions, as well as an overview of other potential legal challenges which may arise from the Board’s current decision.”

Therefore Supervisor Antonovich made a motion that the Board reject the compromise offer presented to the American Civil Liberties Union which would replace the cross on the County seal with a depiction of a California mission and add a representation of the region's indigenous peoples; and seek outside counsel for a comprehensive legal opinion on altering the County's official seal.

Dennis Prager, talk show host KRLA radio, Margaret Clark, Mayor City of Rosemead, Henry Hearn, Vice-Mayor City of Lancaster, Bishop Kenneth Ulmer, Faithful Central Bible Church, Pastor James Price, Long Beach Christian Center, Dr. Brent Price, Beverly Four Square Church, Genevieve Clavreul, Yvonne Michelle Autry and other interested persons addressed the Board.

Raymond G. Fortner Jr., Chief Deputy County Counsel answered questions posed by the Board.

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After discussion, Supervisor Antonovich's aforementioned motion failed by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Antonovich and Knabe; Noes: Supervisors Molina, Yaroslavsky and Burke.

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